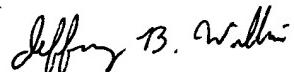


REMARKS

The Applicants have cancelled claims 1-8, 11, 13 and 14 in response to the Examiner's Advisory Action refusing to enter Applicant's proposed amendment dated December 1, 2003. The Applicants are further submitting amended claims 9, 10, 12 and 15 which the Examiner stated in the Advisory Action would be allowable if rejected claims 1-8, 11, 13 and 14 were cancelled. It is now believed that pending claims 9, 10, 12 and 15 are in condition for allowance. Therefore, a notice of allowance is hereby solicited.

If any issue remains that would prevent issuance of this application, the Examiner is urged to contact the undersigned prior to issuing a subsequent action. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional amount required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-2112.

Respectfully submitted,



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